

the subscription was reduced to the amount of the capital authorised in the first instance to be taken.

The company was immediately organized by the election of the proper officers, and the stockholders prepared to pay in the capital and commence the work as soon as a charter could be obtained from the State of Pennsylvania. An application was accordingly made to the Legislature of that State at the session of 1828: but as it was presented at a late period of the session, and that body was then engaged in organizing a very extensive plan of Internal Improvement which engrossed its attention, the subject of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Rail Road was not pressed for consideration.

At the last session, however, an early application was made in the full confidence of success—but was rejected by a large majority of the Senate. In the House of Representatives no report could be obtained from the committee to whom the subject was referred, and before whom (in the presence of almost the whole of the members of both branches) I was allowed to appear and explain at large the object of the company.

Another committee of the same body, who had before them some petitions from York and Adams counties, did make a report in which they distinctly avowed the doctrine that, no matter how important and valuable the work might be to the citizens of both States, to the improvement of trade and facility of intercourse, yet if in its consequences it were calculated to benefit the commercial emporium of Maryland, it ought to be rejected. No question was taken on this report—though the report in the Senate, which was adopted, breathed the same sentiments, and inculcated the same doctrine.

We are about to renew our application at the present session, though I confess with but little hopes of success, unless something is done on the part of the State of Maryland to resist the anti-social, illiberal, and outrageous principles of international legislation, thus avowed by Pennsylvania.

I respectfully submit whether it would not be proper that some notice should be taken of this subject in your annual communication. It may be said, with great truth and propriety, that Maryland has upon all occasions manifested a most liberal spirit to encourage and promote a mutual and profitable intercourse between the people of the two States. She has appropriated and authorised the